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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Program Staff, OSA

SUBJECT : Operational Considerations for  
a Permanent Base [redacted]

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1. The establishment [redacted] pre-  
supposes certain basic requirements and assumptions, among  
which are target coverage and operational standards.

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4. A permanent base will need equipment and aircraft assigned to permit the launch of two operational aircraft simultaneously or one operational aircraft, plus a standby spare. Since both aircraft would have to be configured identically for an operational mission or missions, there is little difference in the two above alternatives. It is assumed that this base would not be required to launch missions from a staging base. It is axiomatic that equipment will be provided to configure both aircraft at the same time and to provide backup spare units so that operational capability can be maintained at all times.

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5. A permanent detachment will require two T-33 aircraft and the necessary personnel so that mission pilots can maintain proficiency in instrument techniques. Also a cargo support aircraft will be needed to sustain adequate re-supply of critical parts to rotate personnel.

6. The operations personnel minimum requirement for a full-time operational detachment is as follows:

a. Three operations officers, two of whom must be qualified as flight planners.

b. One air operations supervisor.

c. One air operations clerk.

d. One meteorological officer.

e. One intelligence specialist for photo interpretation.

f. One survival and E & E specialist.

g. One flight surgeon.

h. Two personal equipment technicians.

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i. Four pilots

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The above personnel requirement does not allow for periodic rest and recuperation leave or ordinary leave time. If the permanent base is to be an R & R base, additional personnel will be required.

7. The space requirement for the operations section will be as follows:

a. One operations office in which all flight records, schedules and status records will be maintained.

b. One flight planning room to include space in which to store map and chart supplies, air publications and briefing aids. This room could also be used for the weather officers' records and charts.

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c. One personal equipment room for storage of pilots' gear and fitting and checking of pilots' equipment. This room will have to be large enough to include pre-breathing space.

d. One briefing room.

8. The above considerations are intended as planning factors and are generally applicable to any permanent detachment.


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